



Come Get Your 'Rec' On!
Barrington, NH

BARRINGTON RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

June 9, 2005

Called to order by Chairman Dave Whitten at 7:05 pm.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present: David Whitten, Robert Selfe, Lisa Allis

Commissioners Absent: Pat Newhall (SOG meeting), Mark Daigneau (working), Deborah Meattley (previous commitment)

Staff Present: Mira Frase

Staff Absent: Nani O'Keefe

Public: Lauren Katz

MINUTES: Minutes not available for review and approval.

REVOLVING FUND BALANCE: \$91,630.94

REVOLVING FUND DISCREPANCY: Commissioner Selfe will approach Jeanne again to try set up a meeting to begin researching discrepancy.

PAYABLES: Approved and signed by Commissioner Selfe on 6/9/05. TOTAL: \$9,481.11

Total from Revolving Fund: \$7,153.08

Total from Operating Budget: \$2,328.03

OLD BUSINESS:

- **TRANSFER OF LAND AND BUILDING:** Transfer is complete.
- **GSS EXTENSION:** Review of changes made by the Town lawyer additional revisions need to be made. Mira will resend the agreement to the lawyer with the following revisions:
 - *School Year Specifications:*
 - 2005/2006 school year: We will not be charging a fee for the school year 2005/2006. Cleaning schedule and fee will remain the same. Field usage will now need to be scheduled around the Recreation Department scheduling.
 - 2006/2007 school year: \$16.00 per hour rental fee will be charged, cleaning fee will be absorbed into the rental fee. Field usage will need to be scheduled in according to the Recreation Department scheduling.
 - *Condition of use for new playground:* Tot lot will be off limits to Good Shepherd students.

SUBJECTS DISCUSSED:

PLAYGROUND PLANS: Lauren Katz requested a letter of support from the Recreation Commission. Plans are underway. The brochure has been sent out and is being responded to. They currently have \$6,476.61 in their account. They have asked for an additional \$5,000 from the recreation department. (See attached letter dated May 31, 2005. The Recreation Commission response: Although the Commission has granted to the BPC matching funds up to \$20,000.00 we have to follow the accounting practices set forth by the town. We are unable to cut a check to the BPC without a legitimate invoice for services. Our only option is to cut a check to Learning Structures in the amount of \$5,000.00 and the BPC can cut a check for the remaining balance. (See attached letter from the Recreation Commission dated June 1, 2005). Chairman Whitten asked Lauren what was discussed with Good Shepherd concerning the use of the playground. Lauren Katz indicated that Rebecca Butcher spoke with Liz Shortle of GSS about helping with the build and making a financial donation. GSS is also willing to allow use of the building for the build date for child care, feeding and other things. The meeting was more about the build date and not the use of the playground. Chairman Whitten asked Mira to draft the letter of support for the playground project.

FACILITIES USE POLICY: Superintendent of Barrington School District Mike Morgan would like to be consistent in the charging of organizations who use the Town facilities and School facilities. He e-mailed a list of organizations to Chairman Whitten to review with the other commissioners. (see attached list) Upon review Commissioner Selfe determined that our facility cannot be compared to the school because it is primarily set up for recreational use and not for meeting space. Chairman Whitten suggested an addendum to the facilities use policy to read: Criteria - if the group

requesting use of the gym has a function that benefits the community, then the fee is waived. If the function benefits the organization requesting the use, then the fee policy applies.

Examples of this include:

- ✓ If the Boy Scouts want to use the gym and the function is open to the community (i.e. if any boy in the community can join the boy scouts, then the fee is waived.
- ✓ If BYA wants to hold clinics and those clinics are available to any kid in the community, then the fee is waived. If the BYA holds clinics that are invitational only, then the fee is imposed.
- ✓ AAU is invitational - therefore a fee is charged.

Examples of special circumstances/grey areas include:

- ✓ A very special person in the community comes down with leukemia and cannot afford the treatments, would it be in the best interest of the community to waive a fee for a fundraising event? Probably.
- ✓ If Edward Jones wants to use it for a seminar, then we would probably charge Edward Jones as it benefits them (yes, arguably it benefits the community, but ultimately it benefits them).

These grey areas would be something the recreation board would have to decide on a case by case basis.

Town Departments, including the school, are not included - they all use the facility at no cost.

Motion Made: Chairman Whitten made a motion to accept the addendum to the Facilities Use Policy. Seconded by Commissioner Selfe – All in favor – motion passed

DISCOVERY CENTER: The location of the Discovery Room is now in question with the potential renovations to be started in the Town Hall. Chairman Whitten spoke about the pivotal role The Recreation Department/Commission played in getting the School district to sign over the land and building to the Town. He expressed his frustration and disappointment with the fact that as soon as the land and building got signed over to the Town, we were informed that the Discovery Center would need to be out by July due to renovations. Mira indicated that she did not think the Selectmen knew what the Recreation Department/Commission did to move the transfer along. Commissioner Selfe said we should inform them at the next Selectmen's meeting which is scheduled for Monday, June, 13, 2005.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

NEXT MEETING: Thursday – July 14, 2005 – 6:30pm

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Chairman Whitten made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Commissioner Selfe seconded the motion – all in favor. Meeting adjourned 8:32pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mira Frase

Director of Recreation – Barrington Recreation Department

Attachment –*payables report*

Letter from BPC

Letter to BPC

List of Organizations from Superintendent